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## Grace Reformed Church

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### SABBATH SERVICES

Sabbath School.....	9:30 A. M.
Church Services.....	10:30 A. M. and 7:30 P. M.
Y. P. S. C. E.....	6:45 P. M.
Junior Y. P. S. C. E.....	2:00 P. M.
Prayer Meeting, Wednesday .....	7:30 P. M.

The pastor is arranging for a series of Sabbath evening Stereopticon sermons. Full announcement of the series will be made in a short time.

Monday evening, October 18, the pastor preached in the Reformed church at Leo, Ind., and installed the elders and deacons of that church.

The ladies of the church expect to open a Rummage Sale as soon as arrangements can be made for a suitable room. Get your goods ready for the sale and solicit your neighbors and friends.

At a meeting of the congregation at the close of the service it was decided to invite Rev. H. B. Diefenbach, of Bluffton to conduct a series of Evangelistic meetings for them, beginning the first week of December. The Leo church is without a regular pastor, but the people are interested and are anxious to work and build up the church. Rev. Cinders a retired Presbyterian minister is supplying them and has been doing a very good work.

In place of giving a Thanksgiving dinner, the women have decided to solicit the members for a Thanksgiving offering. The offering should not be less than \$75 or \$100.

Mr. and Mrs. H. E. Vordermark spent two weeks at Denver, Col., and other places of interest, the first of October. They report a delightful trip, through the west and in mountain country around Denver. We want to thank them for the souvenir postal cards they sent us of places of interest which they visited.

The first installment on the pledges to the church debt and organ fund are due. At the request of the consistory, statements were sent out to those who had given pledges. The payments so far have been very good. We feel sure that the members who have not yet given pledges will pay just the same to this fund, according to their ability. Some have promised to give pledges, which we know they will do. Very few of the members of Grace church will fail to do their full duty in the support of the church and especially in giving to this fund, which will mean a wiping out of our church debt, and securing our church for you.

Business meeting of Young People's society will be held in the Lecture rooms of the church on Tuesday evening, November 9th. All members are urged to attend.

## TO THE LADIES OF GRACE CHURCH.

Only two more months and the year of 1909 will be ended. The summer outings are over, and we must once again take the reins and push forward; we must all untily work with our might, that we may reach the goal (in a financial way), which our executive committee looked forward too. Our work has been partly experimental.

Many of our ladies were anxious to depart from our custom of year's standing, namely, giving a church supper once a month. So the executive committee decided to do away with six of the twelve suppers, but ask for the same money donation, which it would take to give twelve suppers.

I am sorry to say, very many have overlooked this very important item, which means so much to our Ladies' Society.

You all know we have pledged ourselves to pay \$1,200 and interest on the church debt, which means a payment of \$460 this year.

We must make stringent efforts the remaining two months to meet our obligations, and may we not ask the help of all the ladies of the church. We invite you especially to come to our sewings. Bring your lunch and spend the day very pleasant together.

Let us not forget our mite boxes and the nickel. Have we hid them in a napkin? Or are they being circulated to good advantage?

We also wish to thank everyone who contributed to our Baking Sales, and to those who gave their time during these sales. We will continue them the last Saturday of each month at the Union Pacific Tea store.

Dear friends, let us remember that all that we do, and all we give for Christ's cause here, will come back to us in double portion, and we will be

fully blessed for any sacrifices which we make, for his sake.

Very kindly  
MRS. CHAS. GUMPPE,  
President Aid Society.

Mrs. John Snyder, the Pastor and Mrs. Zartman attended the annual Synodical meetings held at Akron, Ohio, the first week in October. The meetings of the Synod were well attended, and the business was dispatched with haste. Rev. A. D. Wolfinger, pastor of the Trinity Reformed church of Dayton, Ohio, is the new president of the Synod. The items of business claiming the attention of the Synod of greatest interest to the church, were those relating to our educational institutions and the cause of missions. The financial agent of the Central Theological Seminary has been doing very successful work during the past year in securing funds for the equipment of the Seminary in its new home, at Dayton, Ohio. This work was heartily commended to the support and liberality of the church. The University at Tiffin, Ohio, reported, through its board of regents, a very successful year; also its new project of raising an additional \$100,000 for the endowment fund. Thirty thousand of this amount is already pledged by friends in the east, upon the condition that the church raise the remaining \$70,000 by March 24th, 1910. Dr. Miller, the president of the University, feels confident this amount can be raised and will give most of his time for the coming months to this canvass. Both of our Mission Boards, Home and Foreign, made encouraging reports. The Home Board is taking up new work and expects to do some aggressive work in Indiana. The Layman's movement in the church, received quite an impetus at this meeting of the Synod and has the hearty endorsement of the Synod. At last, it seems the men are

awakening to a sense of their responsibility and we believe the church may expect great things from this movement.

The Synod convened on Tuesday evening, Oct. 5th, and completed its business by Thursday evening. The annual meeting of the Synod will be held next year at Columbiana, Ohio.

The Woman's Synodical Missionary Society convened in the Grace Reformed church at Akron, Ohio, on Wednesday morning, Oct. 4th. The representation was good and the meetings were full of interest. The classical societies did excellent work during the year. The apportionments were raised, and the Congregational societies were busy with mission study work, and in carrying out the plans of the Synodical society. The annual meeting of the missionary society in 1910, will be held at Thornville, Ohio. While at Akron we were royally entertained at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Clark Bolander and Mrs. F. D. Paulus. This was to us one of the most enjoyable features of this meeting of the Synod. It was a great privilege to tarry again in the home of these dear friends. They are in the best of health and happy as ever, and send greetings to their Fort Wayne friends. Before and after the meetings of the Synod we spent some days at Canton, with Mrs. Zartman's father. We found him in good health and happy to have us with him. He will likely spend the winter with us at Fort Wayne. While at Canton we also spent a day at the beautiful country home of Mr. Geo. Heldenbrand, an uncle of Mrs. Zartman. On our trip home we came by way of Tiffin, Ohio, and spent a day with Prof. Zartman and family and a good part of the evening at Williard Hall, with Miss Bertha Bitner. We found her well and happy and busy with her University work. We enjoyed our short stay at Tiffin very much meeting our friends

and professors and students at the University. We shall always have warm attachments for Tiffin, and pleasant memories of it as it was our college home for nearly eight years.

### MARRIAGES.

October 14, Mr. B. C. Hattle and Miss Myrtle Sheller were united in marriage at the home of the bride's parents on Smith street. Mr. Hattle has for many years been one of the active young men in Grace church. The bride is a very pleasant and congenial young lady and both have hosts of friends in the city. They will reside on Hanna street near Washington street.

October 29th, Mr. Albert F. Hilgeman and Miss Mabel C. Mills were married at the parsonage. Both are residents of Fort Wayne and are very pleasant young people. They will reside on Pine street. The Visitor extends congratulations to these young people and wishes for them a happy and prosperous future.

Mr. McIntyre, who has been giving lectures and exercises in Health Culture to the ministers and their wives for the past several weeks has the endorsement of the ministers in her work. She has also given a number of free lectures to the public and has organized several classes in Health Culture. If you are sick and care to get well, or if you are well and want to keep well, you should join one of her classes, she has spoken twice at Grace church and we hope to have her again.

Dr. Bertha Goba has been to the St. Joseph hospital for an operation for appendicitis since the last issue of our parish paper. The operation was successful and she is now at her home again, and will be able in a short time to take up her practice again.



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The pastor feels that something very decided and strenuous must be done to arouse the membership of Grace church to a sense of its obligations to the church; and to get them into line for more active work. We must have members who will be willing to make sacrifices for the church, and Sunday school. We must have Sunday school teachers and must have men who will be willing to shoulder some of the work and burdens of the church. The Sunday school must have the support of the entire membership of the church. The only way to do this is to get into the Sunday school, be enrolled as a scholar, give your assistance in work of the school. Some of our men and women who are the busiest, are in the Sunday school and are regular in their attendance. Why can not other members do the same. We need the co-operation of all our people in our church work, in church attendance and prayer meeting and in family visitation, and the church must also have the financial support of its members. The church has its expenses to meet and in some way this money must be provided and it must come from the membership. It is not just to those who are liberal in their giving, that they should furnish all of the means for the church, neither is this just to those who are not giving according to their ability. Neglect of duty always reacts seriously. No man can neglect duty, and rob the Lord of his rights, without serious results. Shirk duty toward your God and the Church and we must realize in a very short time that the Lord is forsaking us, and withholding his blessings from us. The motto for the church must

be, "Every Member in Line for Cheerful and Active Work."

Mr. and Mrs. Charles Gumpfer, spent two weeks in New York city during the early part of October. They were in the city during the Hudson-Fulton Exposition. They saw among many other things of great interest, the "Roosevelt" Peary's ship that took the explorer to the Arctic regions.

L. W. Hills can tell you some real fish stories. He had great success in his catches while at St. Ignace in September, the proof of which was in the fish which he sent to his friends in the city.

Miss Lula Bitner one of our efficient and faithful Sunday school teachers and church workers has gone to Goshen, Ind., where she will remain until the holidays.

Mrs. Kittie Vinning Parker visited her relatives in New York state during the first weeks in October. She had a delightful time.

Miss Estella Bottger is making an extended visit with friends at Kalamazoo.

I used to dwell upon sin and the need for repentance. I feel it is needful to insist on it still to arouse men from their degradation; but love is the heart opener. When I realize the love of Christ to me, my sins seem intolerable. I abhor myself and loathe the sin that grieves such beautiful love. How magnificent Christ is, and how marvelously sweet is his divine love! If you can realize that love to you, I am sure you will not be able to keep back your heart's affections from Him.—Livingstone.

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Kind hearts are the garden,  
Kind thoughts are the roots,  
Kind words are the blossoms,  
Kind deeds are the fruits.

The following persons were received into Grace church since the last issue of the Visitor. September 26th: Mr. and Mrs. Ernest Close, by letter from the United Brethren church of Huntington, Ind. They reside on Riverside avenue, October 31. Mr. George Shiffer by letter from the First Reformed church at Goshen, Ind. Mr. and Mrs. Harry Crall by letter from the St. Marks Reformed at Lebanon, Pa. They reside at 728 Washington boulevard, east. Mrs. Anna Miller; Mrs. Denora McAfee and Mrs. Lucy Zimmerman, who were formerly members of the Salem Reformed church, were received by reprofession. Mrs. Miller resides at 1023 Crescent avenue; Mrs. McAfee and Mrs. Zimmerman at 1101 Crescent avenue. Mrs. Jennie E. Wycliffe was received by confirmation. Her home is at 1001 Columbia avenue. The church extends a very cordial welcome to these friends, and we want to assure them that we are happy to have them with us in our church fellowship and work.

Mr. Monn has sold his farm and is now building a house in Riverside addition on Parnee avenue. They will move into their new home about the middle of December. They have a large lot and will have a beautiful home.

Mrs. John Bottger entertained the Woman's Missionary Society at her home on West Jefferson street, October 21st. The women had a good attendance, and an interesting and pleasant meeting. A luncheon was served at the close of the meeting, which was enjoyed by every one.

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The C. E. society resumed its Sabbath evening prayer meetings some weeks ago. The attendance has been encouraging, it could, however, be very much larger. The young people of the church, who do not attend these meetings, do not realize what they are missing, and the amount of good they might be able to do if they would identify themselves with the young people's work.

The Christian Endeavor Societies of the Fort Wayne District, comprising the counties of Adams, Allen, Huntington, Wells and Whitley, will hold their convention in Fort Wayne at the Plymouth church on Thanksgiving evening and the following day, closing in the evening.

Everybody should arrange to attend these sessions.

The Rally Day service held October 3rd, was quite a success. The attendance was very good and the program was very interesting. The special offering by the Sunday school, for the day amounted to nearly \$25.

Mrs. Frank Leikauf spent two weeks in Chicago in the early part of October the guest of her sister, Mrs. Crane.

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